Agreements in Power Sector with U.S.

4065. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some agreements were signed between India and U.S. in power sector recently during U.S. President's visit;

(b) what will be the capacity addition of power generation; and

(c) what will be the cost of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Joint Statement on co-operation in Energy and Environment between India and United States of America was signed at Agra on 22-3-2000. The main objective of the Joint Statement is to intensify further cooperation in the fields of clean energy and environment protection.

(b) The Joint Statement envisages research, development, demonstration and transfers of clean energy and collaborative efforts in renewable energy technologies and for improving efficiency in production and consumption of energy from conventional resources. There is no specific provision for capacity addition of power generation.

(c) Does not arise.

Agreement between NTPC and Pipavav Port

4066. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NTPC entered into an agreement with the Pipavav Port for a joint venture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is not negotiating any joint venture agreement with Pipavav Port. However, NTPC is negotiating a joint venture agreement with Sea King Infrastructure Limited (SKIL) and British Gas (BG) for creating re-gasification terminal at Pipavav Port. The proposed equity structure of the joint venture is based on the concept of 50% equity holding by private sector shareholders and